

Student News



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The Valentine's Day Party *by Colleen Foley*



Even though we have now made it safely through the holiday season (phew!) we still can use a celebration every once in a while! True, Valentine's Day parties are not as wide spread as Christmas or New Years, but it can still serve as an excellent occasion to celebrate with the loved ones in your life. Though typically viewed as a "couples only" holiday, I argue that there's room for everyone to participate in the festivities. Here are some tips for the perfect Valentine's Day Cocktail Party!

Serve "Valentini's" as a drink
(a Colleen copyrighted imbibe!)

*2 part Vodka, 1 part Grenadene
Splash of Triple Sec*

Garnish: Necco Candy Hearts (CVS or any drug store)

In a cocktail shaker mix all ingredients except the garnish with ice. Pour into a chilled martini glass, drop in a candy heart and enjoy responsibly!

Brie Melt Down:

*1 Brie wheel 1 stick of butter
½ cup Amaretto ½ cup Brown sugar
¼ chopped pecans*

This recipe is easier than apple pie! Place the brie wheel in a casserole dish (a small pie dish will do as well) and set aside. In a sauce pan, combine the butter, Amaretto and brown sugar and bring to a boil. Pour the mixture and add the pecans on top of the brie. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes and serve with crackers. Yum.

Cupid's Arrows

*1 lb shrimp
¼ lb thinly sliced prosciutto
¼ Spanish olives (or your favorite
kind insofar as they are pitted)
3 lemons
2-3 TBSP Fresh parsley
2-3 TBSP Fresh basil
¼ fine olive oil
1 packet of wooden skewers
Aluminum foil*

Peel, wash and de-vein the shrimp, set aside. Slice the lemon thinly in circles. Thread two olives to the bottom of a wooden skewer. Take one shrimp and wrap it in prosciutto then add to the skewer. Take the next shrimp and wrap it in a lemon slice then add to the skewer.

Repeat this process until the skewer is almost full then add two more olives on the end. Keep repeating these steps until you run out of skewers or shrimp!

Place the skewers in an aluminum foil lined 9X12 pan and drizzle with olive oil, parsley and basil. Finally wrap the foil over the top forming a tight packet.

Cook at 350 for 20 minutes. Double yum.

Enjoy yourself this Valentine's and remember to send me an invitation!

Is Life a Matter of Moments? *by Evren Firat*

The answer to this question may depend on how you spent New Year's Eve. If you feel the relief of releasing bad memories and terrible experiences from last year and enjoying the endless hopes of a new year or if you have a new year's resolution just because you think it is a fresh start, then the answer is yes. However, can you start something which is already in motion? In other words, can you start the flow of a river that is already flowing?

As humans, we usually have the tendency to wait for a particular time to come, in order to be happy. And, when you go through this particular happy time, you don't want it to pass. Nevertheless, as opposed to what you want, it passes. Moreover, you feel like this particular period of time, in which you felt happy, passed faster than usual. In fact, time does not accelerate or slow down. It is only your perception of time that changes, according to Einstein's special relativity theory. Your sense of the passage of time is nothing more than a cosmic illusion. For example, imagine you fall in love with someone. When you date him or her, time passes like the blink of an eye and nothing matters before or after the meeting. After all, when you look back, you will remember nothing before or after but this particular period of time. If you look at life from this point of view, it obviously consists of those particular moments, a combination of happy and unhappy times and the rest are details.

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Writing Contest Winners

February's writing contest topic is "Why do couples break up?"
Due February 15th!



1st place

What is your role in the game of life?
by Gustavo Duarte

Trying to look far, beyond time has always been a rewarding exercise. Despite just revisiting the old clichés like flying cars, robots, or inter-planetary travel, let's focus our attention on how people will be dealing with themselves in the coming centuries.

The question is "What's your role in the game of life?" Are you shy? A doctor? A foreign student? Or maybe a mother? Who do you believe you are? First of all, let's analyze our past. In ancient societies, someone could include himself in just a few categories: e.g. nobles, peasants, a brave warrior or a fierce king. With the centuries flying by, more subdivisions were created, expanded, refined. New branches started enlarging this basic human hierarchic system. Someone could now be a weapon engineer, a merchant, a pioneer, a foot soldier or a genius.

Keeping this idea in mind, if we could picture actual time's possibilities, we would end up with a very dense tree of variations.

Extremely detailed, compared to the initial sketch. Nowadays, if you ask someone: "Who do you believe you are?" You may have answers like: a geriatric doctor, a compulsive shopper or a lobbyist.

These are times when rules are being broken; people are starting not to act as they are supposed to. A behavioral, sexual, intellectual and cultural revolution has taken place during the last century. That's the point of this philosophical essay: Where will this revolution take us?

In the distant future, that basic tree of possibilities will end up in the final leaves, the individual personality. Every man will be immensely different from all others. Humans won't be able to be categorized. Every man and woman will be as complex as Leonardo da Vinci, de-standardized. All the babies born on this planet will be taught that they are different from all, and need to find their own way. Hierarchies, classifications culture of masses, will all die out because of the lack of necessity. The question: "Who are you?" will sound like a joke in my foreseen future, where every man is an artist, creator of his own life. Being nothing, you can be everything.



2nd place

Climate Change and Our Responsibilities
Ubonwan Promthong

I think that global warming (climate change) is a real issue that should be a concern to us all now and is only going to get worse, rapidly.

However, I think that people are getting confused by the expanding population, the planets inability to support us, the wiping out of the fish stock, the extinction of flora and fauna, coral bleaching, expanding deserts, third world debt, poverty and starvation, illegal logging, etc., and then pushing all these issues together and labeling it as "global warming." Some of these issues are a result

of climate change and some are the result of 6.5 billion people destroying the environment. And then they see the problem as too big to start fixing, so, therefore there is no point to do anything about it as no one else is, etc. However all these issues can be broken down and we, collectively, we are human and historically, whenever there has been a time to band together for the good of all, we have choose to bomb, kill, invade, and attack and take what ever we wanted from are neighbors.

And, yes I feel I do a lot to solve the issue. I produce hardly any garbage, we have solar panels and a wind generator and need no outside power, we catch fish, use salt water for dishes, don't commute to work. I am aware of my environment. I am trying to spread the word.



3rd place

Give in order to receive
by Ya-Jung Chang

What change do I expect to take place in the world? This is a tough and a thought-provoking question for some people who might deem the question as a high-sounding talk. People feel anxious and disappointed about many current worldwide problems which have been occurring in our devastating environment, silly wars, resource/power crisis, plagues and diseases, social issues, mental depressions, eco depressions, and etc. We cannot change the world in a day but by starting to change our hearts to be more unselfish and loving care to others, we can make the world to be a better place to live.

Nowadays, we seem to become rich in material but poor in spirit, which make more unhappy and depressed people oblivious to their surrounding. At times, some people might realize that the

more we focus on ourselves, the more unsatisfactory we feel, and the more you care about others' needs, the more happiness you would possess from helping them. A famous note I've ever read before just flashed through my mind, it said, "It is in giving we receive!" The spontaneous satisfaction flowing over your heart is the priceless paycheck we would get.

Sometimes I wonder if we try to empathize others when dealing with people around us, they will be happier and warmer by sharing the love they have, hence they will express the love towards others. Just as in a famous American movie "Pass it Over" few years ago, this thought might be far-fetched to change the world but it is still possible and far-reaching to influence more people across boundary among nations. In this way, we might gradually discern that colors, levels or other distinctions seem meaningless to confront against each other. On the contrary, we are actually alike in most ways, living as the same human beings in the same earth.

See, we can change the world. Why bother fighting?

Unusual February Holidays *by Nick Jacobson*

February is a time to enjoy the unusual. It may be better known for Valentine's Day but there are some other fun and interesting celebrations to enjoy. For example, it is Great American Pie Month. This means that the entire month of February is a great time to enjoy a slice of pie. Whether you make it yourself or buy it from a bakery nothing is better than a great pie.

February is also time for Groundhog Day, when we find out if spring will come early or whether winter will continue. According to tradition on this day a groundhog will emerge from its hole and either see its own shadow and return to the hole signaling six more weeks of winter or remain outside and enjoy an early spring. The most famous groundhog in modern times is Punxsutawney Phil a groundhog in Gobbler's Knob Pennsylvania. In a dramatic public ceremony on February 2nd the citizens the neighboring town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania dress in tuxedos and formal gowns and wait for Phil to emerge from his hole and make his prediction. This ceremony (and the fact that it gets considerable news coverage) was mocked in the 1993 comedy film Groundhog Day starring Bill Murray as a reporter sent to Punxsutawney to cover the event.

February 4th is National Thank a Mailman Day. If you know the man or woman who delivers your mail be sure to say a kind word on this day. Their motto: "Neither rain, nor snow, nor dark of the night, can keep us from our duty," shows how committed they are to providing us with service.

February 21st is International Mother Language Day. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) decided that this would be a day to celebrate one's native language. It declared that "Languages are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage." The date was chosen to commemorate a protest in Pakistan when those who spoke Bangla protested the exclusive use of Urdu in the government.

Maybe the most special day this February is leap day. Occurring only once every four years February 29th is added to calendars due to the fact that each year is actually 365.24 days long. The extra quarter of a day means that every four years February has 29 days. While this does not make February 29th a holiday I think that such a rare day should be celebrated. I suggest that everyone should do something to mark it as special. Try something you've never done or do something you've been meaning to do (a New Year's resolution, perhaps.) Take a leap on leap day!

Is Life a Matter of Moments *by Evren Firat*

...continued from page 1. My main concern is not those particular periods of time, but the rest, actually. Can you waste part of your life while you are waiting for something to happen or just because you are engaged in something very seriously? Who can guarantee what will happen tomorrow or even the next second? Even if you focus on certain times to make them better, you still cannot succeed because you are not the only player in the game. Someone else or some other factors can ruin good things that you try to do. Life is not a straight chain of causation from which you can get exactly the same result under the same conditions. Therefore, you cannot let any second of your life go to waste while you are waiting for something, especially, when you do not know if you ever will see it.

In conclusion, there are things that I would call *an instant of time*, or better *a now*. As we live, we seem to move through a succession of instants of time, nows. We live in a universe, which has neither past nor future, just an eternal present. Time is like some invisible river that flows uniformly and constantly forever. People are sure that it is there but they cannot get hold of it. Thus, there is no need to wait for a new year to reconcile life and time. Besides, who decides when a new year starts, if it ever does at all? Live every second of life as if you would not have the chance again and than leave it behind, do not even bother yourself with the past. For me, every now is so exciting and new, it would be a great mistake to try to repeat one.



Exploding Clock by Salvador Dali



Our Talented Students

Congratulations!!! Approach student Krobtham (Billy) Prommaryon had his photograph printed in BostonNOW newspaper on Monday, January 14th, 2008. The photo, taken at Faneuil Hall, was chosen by editors to be published in the daily Reader Photo section of the newspaper! We are so proud of our talented students!

Interviewer: "How did you feel when you found out that BostonNow chose your photograph?"

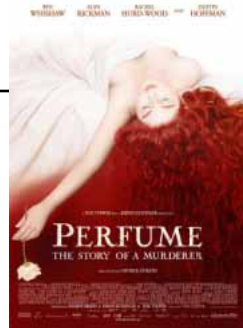
Krobtham: "I was so surprised that NOW chose my picture. I thought since I didn't have a expensive camera they would not chose my picture. I just have a Digital camera Canon PowerShot SD800 IS. I went to that place to take that photo because it was my first time to see snow in Boston. At that time, I missed my country, my friends and I really felt lonely. I thought that picture could say how I feel . One picture can say a million words. And I feel so happy that I can show everyone you don't need a expensive camera to take a good picture. If you just take it with your heart."

Staff Recommendations



New Movie Release

by Andrew Haynes



Plot synopsis adapted from www.imbd.com

Perfume is set in 18th century France and focuses on Jean Baptiste, an orphan boy born in the slums near a fish-market. He inhales the plethora of scents around him and can differentiate between them, including the different varieties of fish. Jean is eventually placed in an orphanage. Growing up, he desires to learn the art of perfume and he wants to create the ultimate perfume. Jean's unique perfumes have the ability to provoke unexpected reactions in both the wearer and the recipient. During his apprenticeship, he discovers he has no personal smell and is devastated. On his journey to create the perfect perfume, he begins to seek ingredients to his perfumes from other human beings, and that's when the fun starts...



F-1 Student Reminder

Tammie Key

Expired passport or one that will expire in less than six months?

You must renew your passport before reentering the United States. In most cases, to enter the United States, you must have a passport that is valid for at least six months after the date you enter or reenter. Many countries will allow you to renew your passport while in the United States. The other alternative is to renew your passport when you return home for a visit. You may want to delay leaving the United States until you have renewed your passport. You will not be able to reenter the United States without a valid passport. If your expired passport has a valid visa, you can still use it if you kept the old passport. Present the old passport, along with the new passport when you reenter the country.



Winter Beauty

by Chayenne Haragushiku

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by Sierra Kenney



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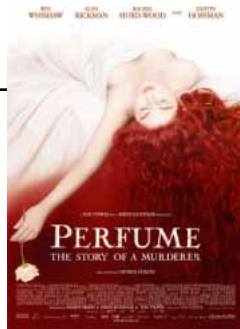


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Frederico, Hasan, Cristiano, Abdullah and Billy arrive at the MFA



Krobtham, Soo Young and Ja-Kyung shopping at the MFA book store



Karla, Mariam, and Tatiana together at the MFA



Edson watches his opponent's first move with intensity during International Lunch at Approach



Approach students posing next to a giant silver rock

January Activities

With the New Year, Approach students were eager to get out and about the city. On Tuesday, January 9, Luciana took over a dozen students to the M.I.T. Museum. According to the museum's website, it has "recently expanded by 5,000 square feet, the Museum's galleries present ongoing and changing exhibitions on science and technology and current research; architecture and design." Afterwards, Luciana and her group had an Italian lunch at one of the many ethnic restaurants in Central Square. Look for more fun trips with Luciana in the near future.

On Wednesday, January 10, over 50 students joined Andrew at the Museum of Fine Arts. Every Wednesday, after 4:00, the museum is free! Students took advantage of this opportunity to look at the rare and beautiful artwork from all over the world. The museum is so big, it's impossible to see everything in one day. It's also mentally exhausting focusing your attention on so many historical epochs. So, Andrew advises to just concentrate on section of the museum every time you go. That way, you will be able to better focus your attention, you won't get as tired, and you'll be able to learn more. More museum trips will be offered in the near future.

On Thursday, January 24, Andrew took over forty students ice-skating at the Frog Pond in the Boston Common. The weather was frigid, but we braved the elements. For some students, who come from hot and arid regions, it was their first chance to use ice skates! Other students were readily familiar with the sport and demonstrated great skill and athleticism on the ice. The atmosphere is beautiful; as you skate around the rink you have a wonderful view of Beacon Hill and Tremont Street. Also, there is music playing and hot food and drinks are available. We are already looking forward to our next visit!



Woo Young, Yeokyong and Heechul ...sliding out of the picture!



Andrew, Hongki and Yasu look too cold!



Mayuree and Sayuri at Frog Pond

Motivation *by Elliot Friesen*

Why are you studying English?

I always ask this question to my students on the first day of class because personal experience and a mountain of educational research suggest that their answers matter. That is, studies show that highly motivated students tend not only to learn a second language more quickly, but they also commonly outperform their peers in gaining “native-like” abilities. Two dimensions of student motivation are often discussed: student *communicative needs* and student *attitudes towards their new social context*. If a student has an immediate need to use English to communicate—perhaps she needs English very badly to communicate at work—this may help to keep her mind tuned to language and her heart set on studying hard. Secondly, if the same student can resist feeling burdened by language study because she genuinely *wants* to use her skills to communicate in one or several social contexts that have *value* to her, then language-learning success becomes even more likely.

So what does this mean for you? Practically speaking, in order to maximize your learning inside the classroom here at Approach, it may help you to actively seek out social opportunities where you truly need to use English *outside* the classroom. While it is perhaps uncomfortable and scary at first, the more you place yourself into settings where you must use English communicatively with people you genuinely want (or need) to interact with, the more sustained progress you are likely to have in your language studies.



Teaching methodology at Approach emphasizes individual needs and gives the students the strategies to function, perform and rapidly communicate.

February Birthdays

- 2 Miika Suzuki
- 2 Pelin Alayli
- 2 Jimin Sung
- 5 Yoriko Mizumoto
- 6 Passawan Silpaldit
- 7 Mariam Aponte Reyes
- 7 Hiroaki Takeda
- 8 Margaret Da Silva
- 9 Aliaksandr Auramenka
- 9 Ji eun Park
- 11 Yat Fong
- 12 Umut Culha
- 12 Hui-ju Lin
- 15 Kamollux Wongsombat
- 15 Martina Malgeri
- 16 Anna Novik
- 17 Taksina Udompanit
- 18 Haruki Ebi
- 19 Siwaporn Sawatphibool
- 23 Aby Sy
- 25 Hong ki Kum
- 25 Jemin Cho
- 27 Lyubomir Tsanev
- 28 Irina Smolentseva

Celebrating the Lunar New Year in America *by Lois Wang*

For some of you, this may be your first time away from home during a special holiday. For others, you may have heard of Chinese New Year, but not know much about it. The Lunar New Year is celebrated in Asia. It is celebrated not only in China, but also in Vietnam, where it is called TET, and in Korea, where it is called Seol-Nal. This year the Lunar New Year falls on February 7th and will be the Year of the Rat in China.

If you are looking for ways to celebrate like me, check out some of these events happening in Boston. If you want to know more about Lunar New Year Celebrations, ask me or one of your classmates to teach you more about the holiday.

Saturday, February 2nd—Vietnamese TET Celebration at the Bayside Expo Center (The Afternoon Show from 10 AM—5:30 PM is only \$5)

Saturday, February 16th—Lunar New Year Performances and Activities at the

Peabody Essex Museum (10AM to 3 PM)

Sunday, February 17th—Chinese New Year Parade in Chinatown (Open to the Public 10AM—6PM)



Lunar New Year Celebration in Chinatown NYC. Picture obtained from www.flickr.com/photos/sayheypatrick/314882742/in/photostream/



Fast Facts About Working Visas *by John C. Carleen, Esq.*

All foreign nationals who wish to work in the United States must first obtain a work visa. A work visa is a temporary permit to live and work in the United States. Changing status from F-1 Student Visa to H-1B or H-2B working visas is quite common among international students.

The H1B Visa Program is the primary USA working visa. H-1B visas are for skilled International Professionals and International Students, from all over the world, or already in the USA, who want to live and work in the US on a long-term basis. Whether you currently live in another country, or you're already in the United States, the process to obtain an H-1B visa is the same for everyone. You must first find an H-1B job with a company who will 'sponsor' an H-1B visa for you. Then, your new H-1B employer then files your H-1B application, your H-1B application is approved by the US Immigration Bureau and finally you can start work for your new employer (H-1B sponsor) in the USA.

The most important thing to understand with the H-1B visa is that only the employer can apply for the visa, and the visa is issued for a particular employee. If you are an individual hoping to work in the USA, you cannot apply for an H-1B visa by yourself. This means you must find an 'H1B job' with a company that will sponsor (apply) for you. To qualify for the H-1B Visa Program, you must work in a "specialty occupation". The core Specialty Occupations include: IT, Computing, Finance, Accounting, Banking, Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations, Sales, Recruiting, Engineering (all types), Teaching,

HealthCare/Medical, Legal, Business, and Management. The number of H-1B visas issued each year is subject to a cap that is determined by United States Congress. The current H-1B cap is set at 65,000 plus an additional 20,000 for International students that graduate with an MBA or higher from a US University. The H-1B cap does NOT include or affect: current H-1B holders transferring their visa to a new employer / sponsor and 'new' applications for an H-1B with: non-profit organizations, Government Research organizations, and institution of higher education.

H-1B Transfers and cap-exempt positions are unlimited and available all year round for applications. The H-1B visa is typically valid for up to six (6) years and is normally issued for an initial period of 3 years, and then has to be extended. The main advantage of the H-1B visa program compared to other USA work visas is that it is a 'Dual Intent' visa. This means that you can apply for a Green Card (Legal Permanent Residency), while working under the H-1B visa program.

H-2B Work Visas are available to workers without higher education; E-3 Work Visas are only for Australian citizens; H-3 Trainee Visas are available for short-term training at American companies.

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